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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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SECTION 33

RE: BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO *JFM* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) **6076**  
 FROM *of* SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SM-C

Enclosed are 8 copies of an LHM reporting KING's appearance and speech at the American Jewish Committee's annual meeting at the Americana Hotel, NYC, 5/20/65; two copies are furnished the Atlanta Office since it is origin in the KING case. *1*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bu 100-106670

New York, New York  
May 24, 1965

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

On May 21, 1965, "The New York Times," page 36, column 1, reports under the caption, "Dr. King Examines Rights and Laws," that Martin Luther King attended, spoke and received an award at a dinner - session of the American Jewish Committee's 58th annual meeting at the Americana Hotel, New York City, on the night of May 20, 1965. The award received was the group's American Liberties Medallion Award for exceptional service to the cause of human rights.

The article reports that King emphasized that American Negroes in their civil rights struggle were not "wilfully and frivolously" violating the nation's laws, despite the belief by many people that they were doing exactly that.

King criticized those "goodhearted people" who forgive Negroes "on the ground that they endure appalling grievances." He said that "these people forgive them for misdeeds they are not committing." "Negroes," King said, according to the article, "have never forgotten, even under the crushing burdens of injustice, that they are connected with the larger society; that the roads they may obstruct and the public buildings they picket are used in common by all citizens."

In his address, King said that responsible Negro leadership never approved a protest movement unless it could answer several basic questions.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

Among these, according to King, are:

"Do we have a just grievance or is our purpose merely to create confusion for its own sake as a form of revenge?

"Do we have a clear program to relieve injustice which does not inflict injustice upon others, and is that program reasonable and grounded in the ethics and best traditions of our society?"

King then declared that in establishing these conditions "before employing direct action the civil rights movement meets its responsibility to society and fulfills its obligations to democratic principle."

He concluded by stating that "one of the most profound of all results of the Negro upsurge has been its effect upon the youth of the nation."

The article reports that Vice President Hubert Humphrey also attended and spoke at the affair.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (Your file 100-136585) DATE: 6-1-65

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SAC, Detroit (100-31418)

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
(Field Supervision)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Re Detroit quarterly rep of SA [redacted]  
4/30/65 and Detroit let 5/19/65, both "CIRM." U

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Detroit, please note that information concerning possible communist involvement of King is considered most pertinent to the Bureau's investigation of King and CIRM. In the future, such information should be promptly furnished the Bureau and in a manner suitable for dissemination. Do not wait until the submission of quarterly CIRM reports for reporting such information. U

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/25/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

I thought you might be interested in an excerpt from a recent expression by King which most emphatically illustrates the hypocrisy [REDACTED]

The "Courier Journal" of 5/17/65, a newspaper of general circulation in Louisville, Kentucky, carried an account of subject King's address at a service installing his brother, Reverend A. D. Williams King, as Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville 5/16/65. At one point in his talk subject King "criticized any Negro minister 'who has...more religion in his voice than in his life'."

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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) 6076 DATE: 5/19/65

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-4583) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Louisville teletype 5/16/65.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are nine copies, for Atlanta three copies, and for New York two copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning KING's appearance in Louisville, Ky., on 5/16/65.

As indicated in referenced teletype, subject arrived Louisville at 11:03 A.M., 5/16/65, from Atlanta, and he and a Rev. LEE had reservations on EAL Flight 186, leaving Louisville 6:45 P.M. on 5/16/65. This flight was scheduled to arrive Newark 9:15 P.M. same date. KING and Rev. LEE had reservations on EAL Flight 445 leaving Kennedy Airport, New York, at 11:45 P.M., 5/16/65, arriving Atlanta 12:45 P.M., 5/17/65. These reservations were made at 2:00 P.M., 5/15/65, by Rev. LEE.

b7(c) [REDACTED], Louisville PD, advised that he had been in charge of security in connection with the visit of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to Louisville on 5/16/65. He said there were no significant incidents, but that one individual, a [REDACTED] 23, Negro male, giving an address [REDACTED], Louisville, Ky., was removed from Zion Baptist Church because he was moving from seat to seat in the church. [REDACTED] was booked for loitering. He was not armed and had apparently been trying to get a better seat. B. APPROX. 42

A suspicious car was observed in the area of Zion Baptist Church on the afternoon of 5/16/65, and it was reported

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that a similar car had been observed on the previous night by persons connected with the church. No identifying data regarding this car was obtained.

b7(c) [REDACTED] said that the flight upon which KING and his aid had reservations to New York scheduled to leave at 6:45 was delayed until 9:15 P.M. KING and his aid finally departed from Louisville at 9:15 P.M. en route to Newark, New Jersey.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Louisville, Kentucky  
May 19, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

The Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on May 17, 1965, reported as follows:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at a service installing his brother, Reverend A. D. Williams King, as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, on May 16, 1965.

King "congratulated Louisville and Kentucky for making 'meaningful strides toward equal opportunity,' calling it (Louisville) 'one of the brightest spots in the border states.'" He added a comment to the effect that Louisville and Kentucky still have a long way to go.

He announced that he planned to carry his civil rights crusade into several unnamed northern cities.

He welcomed the new Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) as an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

He "castigated white Christians--clergy and laity--for making '11:00 A.M. on Sunday morning the most segregated hour of the week.'" He "critized any Negro minister 'who has . . . more religion in his voice than in his life.'"

At a press conference, King stated that his economic boycott against Alabama was quite effective; that "'some' companies have promised to comply by not erecting new plants in Alabama." He declined to identify the companies or say how many.

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King stated that the civil rights movement must be militant, but that "militancy must be based on all nonviolent attitudes and methods."

King was welcomed the next day by the city of Louisville, Kentucky. Before the service, King was given a check for \$9,000 from the Louisville group set up earlier this year to aid African civil rights workers.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date May 24, 1965

Attached information regarding alleged arrival in Atlanta, Georgia of two race haters being furnished to Civil Rights Division of Department.

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FBI ATLANTA

10-41 PM EST URGENT 5-23-65

TDS MAY 23 1965

TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM ATLANTA

TELETYPE

SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

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ATLANTA PD ADVISED TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED  
BY PD SIX FIFTYFIVE PM, THIS DATE, FROM CAPTAIN TOM KELLY, KANSAS  
CITY, MO., PD. KELLY ALLEGED [REDACTED] WHITE MALE  
[REDACTED] BOTH RACE HATERS WILL ARRIVE ATLANTA NINE PM, INSTANT  
BY EASTERN AIRLINES. BOTH ALLEGEDLY HAD WEAPONS.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONED KANSAS CITY PD AND WAS ADVISED THERE  
WAS NO CAPTAIN TOM KELLY. COULD NOT SUBSTANTIATE ABOVE INFORMATION.

EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN THIRTY THREE, ARRIVING ATLANTA  
NINE THIRTYSIX PM FROM ST. LOUIS CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ATLANTA PD AFFORDING KING PROTECTION DUE TO NATURE OF THREAT.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE ATLANTA IF [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] KNOWN TO YOUR  
OFFICE AND FURNISH AVAILABLE DESCRIPTIONS. LHM FOLLOWS.

END

WA .. BJH

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KC...GLH

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CC: Sullivan

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Hinsdale, Illinois

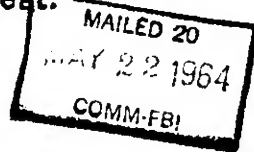
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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of May 17th and want to thank you for your congratulations on my Anniversary as Director of the FBI. Your generous remarks are indeed appreciated and it is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**Enclosures (3)**

FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
Counterintelligence Activities  
1965 Appropriations bulletin

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [REDACTED] who was written on 8/15/63. [REDACTED] is a former Special Agent who entered on duty [REDACTED] and resigned [REDACTED]

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HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

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Dear Mr. Hoover: -

Let me identify myself. I was president of the Chicago Crime Commission for 3 years - 1960 - 62 - and worked closely with Virgil Peterson, who always speaks of you with respect and admiration.

I wrote you about a year ago, because I was concerned about Communist influence among our youth - particularly in Colleges and Universities. You kindly responded very generously, sending me of copy of your appropriation testimony, (for release 6/5/63,) before the Sub Committee on Appropriations of the House, and other informatory Material, for all of which I thank you again.

Now I have another question' which I hope you can throw some light on. It is about Martin' Luther King, Jr. A friend here in Hinsdale expressed the idea recently that the F.B.I. has some information' re: King's sympathy toward Communism which looks bad.

I would much appreciate any information' you can give me on this subject, and will keep it confidential if you request this.

Congratulations on your recent Anniversary celebration'- Our country is fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable man of high principles and integrity in charge of the FBI, over such an extended period.

Yours truly,

b7(c)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

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11 MAY 25 1965

[REDACTED] b7(c)

[REDACTED] Hinsdale, Illinois.

May 17, 1964.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

b7(c)

Let me identify myself. [REDACTED]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Yours truly,  
Washington D.C. b7(c)

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May 21, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
Brookfield, Missouri

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter dated May 13th and enclosures have been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your congratulations on the occasion of my Anniversary as Director of the FBI. Your thoughtful message is very much appreciated.

For your information, I am unable to answer the question you raised because data in the files of this Bureau is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Your enclosures are being returned and I am enclosing publications on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (7)  
Correspondent's enclosures (described in note below)  
Deadly Duel  
"Faith In Freedom"  
Counterintelligence Activities  
One Nation's Response To Communism  
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He enclosed a copy of the flyer well-known to the Bureau containing a picture of Martin Luther King and functionaries of the Communist Party at a communist training school at Monteagle, Tennessee. His second enclosure was a clipping from a magazine of Martin Luther King. Copies of these are not necessary for retention in Bufiles.

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DATE 12-15-80 BY SP4 JIM/K  
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May 13, 1964

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to congratulate you on your 40 years as  
Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for the fine job you  
have done.

Also would you please help in identifying the person  
in the picture I am enclosing. It shows a Negro looking like the  
Rev. Martin Luther King at a communist training school in Monteagle,  
Tennessee, about 7 years ago. He has probably changed somewhat by  
now, perhaps putting on some weight. Of course a person looks different  
from different angles, but I have looked at a lot of pictures of him, and  
they all resemble the picture at that communist meeting.

I have read recently where you felt the communists were  
starting to infiltrate the Negro Civil Rights Movement. Also I read an  
article by Joseph Alsop saying the Southern Leadership Conference  
headed by Rev. Martin Luther King has been infiltrated by the communists.  
I felt if the picture of the man who looks like the Rev. Martin Luther King,  
was really him attending a communist meeting then he should be thoroughly  
discredited.

The communist party which really advocates the overthrow  
of our government should be outlawed.

I feel and I know a lot of other people feel that the Negro  
Problem is getting out of hand.

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Also the communist, socialist, and liberal influence in this country is slowly eroding the freedoms of the individual that once made this country proud and great. If we continue the way we are, we will eventually end up under communism.

I am the father of seven children, 3 boys and 4 girls, so I am very much concerned with the situation as it is today.

Please let me know if you feel the Negro identified as No. 1 in the picture I am enclosing is really the Rev. Martin Luther King.

Respectfully,

 b7(c)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BELMONT \_\_\_\_\_  
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MR. JONES \_\_\_\_\_  
TELE. ROOM \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS HOLMES \_\_\_\_\_  
MRS. METCALF \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

~~EXP. PROC.~~

MAY 18 1964

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BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI

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May 13, 1964

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BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI

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Date: 5/17/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL**

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-46230)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SM - C  
 (OO - Atlanta)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau 5/4/65;  
 Bureau letter to Philadelphia 5/12/65.

Forwarded herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of amended LHM as requested in reBulet. Two copies of amended LHM forwarded for Atlanta and one copy for New York for information.

Caller made no statements except that attributed to him in LHM.

- 3 - Bureau (100-106670) (Encl-8) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Encl-2) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 1 - New York (100-136585) (Encl-1) (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 2 - Philadelphia (100-46230)

RLB:LRB  
 (8)

1cc & cc LHM  
 808 RB

AGENCY: AGSI, ONI, OSI, REC. SER. FD-36  
 DATE: MAY 18 1965  
 BY: S. L. P. / [Signature]

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 OTHERWISE.

Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature] Per [Signature]  
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DATE 12-15-80 RYS PH JAM/ld



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 17, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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An anonymous telephone call was received at the Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by a Special Agent of the FBI at 9:43 p.m., May 1, 1965.

The caller stated "I'm going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, Monday." This caller, who sounded as if he were male, abruptly hung up.

No background noises on telephone line.

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., was advised.

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FBI



May 24, 1965

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear [REDACTED]

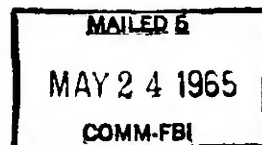
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DATE 12-15-80 BY SP4 PML/K  
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Your letter of May 17th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAY 24 5 12 PM '65  
FBI  
READING ROOM

Enclosures (4)

The FBI Guardian of Civil Rights  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
The FBI: The Protector of Civil Liberties  
FBI and Civil Rights

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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5 MAR 1963

CLASSIFIED AND *SP4 J. Smith*  
 EXTENDED BY *2*  
 REASON FOR EXTENSION  
 FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2  
 DATE OF REVIEW FOR  
 DECLASSIFICATION *5-19-81*

FBI

Date:

5/19/65

Transmit the following in

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REGISTERED MAIL

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Via

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-47520) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 EM - C

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/27/65 and  
 Miami airtel to Bureau dated 5/7/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a  
 letterhead memorandum. One copy of this letterhead memorandum  
 is being enclosed for the Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York  
 and Miami Offices.

Sources used in enclosed letterhead memorandum are:

- 5 - Bureau (Encl. 10) (RM)  
 (1 - 100-326672) (EARL HARRIS)  
 (1 - 100-442529) (CIRM)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (100-5536) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Miami (Enc. 1) (Info) (100-15079) (RM)
- 3 - Newark  
 (1 - 100-24870) (EARL HARRIS)  
 (1 - 100-48052) (CIRM)

RFB:ks  
 (13)

ENCLOSURE

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER. 1  
 DEPT: ISD, CRD, D-40

DATE FORW: *5-2-65*HOW FORW: *22 Office*BY: *RWB*Approved: *RWB*

Sent

11 MAY 20 1965

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
 AND FIELD OFFICES

ADVISED BY ROUTING

SLIP (SAC)

DATE: *5/10/65*

1cc &amp; cc

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Special Agent in Charge

NK 100-47520

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

SAS [REDACTED] HARRIS was interviewed on 2/29/56 and 4/25/56 by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7(c)

Newark files contain no identifiable derogatory information for SINCLAIR JACOBS, MIKE JONES or Mr. JOHNSON

[REDACTED] b7(D)

It was determined [REDACTED] b7(D) that the telephone numbers without an area code in referenced airtel of Atlanta, namely, 876-4933, 875-0523 and 874-7353 are not New Jersey numbers.

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NK 100-47520

On 5/4/65 IC [REDACTED] was advised that the records [REDACTED] reflect that telephone number 642-7800 is subscribed to by the Essex County Hall of Records, Newark, N. J. Telephone number NO 2-4589 is listed for a KEATING D. FISHER, 305 East Mill Road, Maple Shade, New Jersey.

b7(c)  
b7(d)

Information concerning telephone number 642-7800 with the results of a Newark file review on the "Mr. HARRIS" at that number is set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Newark files contain no information concerning KEATING D. FISHER or Rev. JOHN W. WALKER, 542 Merchant St., Merchantville, N. J.

It was subsequently determined that the information concerning the subscriber to telephone number NO 2-4589, KEATING D. FISHER, was in error and that the subscriber was Rev. JOHN W. WALKER as set out in referenced Atlanta airtel.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

b7(c)

[REDACTED] advised that 542 Merchant St., Cherry Hill, N. J., is occupied by GEORGE E. CLISBY and Rev. JOHN W. WALKER. The address 542 Merchant St. is actually located in Cherry Hill Township and not in Merchantville.

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Records [REDACTED] reveal that CLISBY is the son-in-law of Rev. WALKER.

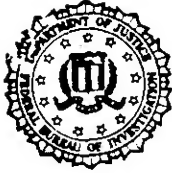
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[REDACTED] records further reflect that JOHN W. WALKER, SR., Merchant St., Cherry Hill, died on 12/10/62. GEORGE E. and HARRIET W. CLISBY, reside at 542 Merchant Street.

Records of [REDACTED] contain no record for WALKER or CLISBY.

b7(d)

It is believed that Rev. JOHN W. WALKER is related to WYATT WALKER, the former executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who formerly resided in Merchantville, New Jersey.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

May 13, 1965

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 5-198  
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DATE OF REVIEW FOR 6074  
DECLASSIFICATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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The March 10, 1965, edition of the "Star Ledger", a newspaper published daily in Newark, New Jersey, contained an article on Page 9, indicating that a party of elected Negro public officials from New Jersey that had been assembled by Essex County Freeholder Earl Harris was scheduled to leave Newark Airport on that date en route to Selma, Alabama, and the civil rights struggle. Harris was described as having been "designated National Co-ordinator of the effort by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which Dr. Martin Luther King is the leader." Harris was to continue his efforts to mobilize public officials from a base in Selma working directly with Dr. King.

ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF *Shaw-Walker*  
DATE *10/10/79* *GAJ/PCL*

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~~Excluded from automatic~~  
~~downgrading and~~  
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ENCLOSURE

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF *declassification*  
DATE *11/17/78* *GAJ/PCL*

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[REDACTED] b(1)

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast communist newspaper which discontinued publication in January, 1958.

[REDACTED] that Earl Harris, 535 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey, age 27, was a member of the Third Ward Branch of the Communist Political Association in 1943.

[REDACTED] respectively, that Earl Harris, 535 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey, was a member of the "Daily Worker" Press Club as of August, 1943. b(1)

The "Daily Worker" Press Club has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 29, 1956, Earl Harris was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at his home, 332 Badger Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, at which time he furnished the following information concerning himself:

He stated that in 1942 or 1943 he had been introduced to Martha Stone for business reasons. He said he knew Martha Stone to be a Communist Party official.

[REDACTED] b(1)

He said that Martha Stone was to attempt to have the Continental Ballroom manager rent the hall to a social group to which Harris belonged. Harris stated he met Martha Stone in an office on Market Street, in Newark, New Jersey, at that time. He stated that he may have given Martha Stone a dollar or two merely as a gesture on his part to thank her for interceding for him in his cause, rather than a donation

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to the CP. Harris denied ever attending any CP meetings at the CP Headquarters or any other place and further denied he was ever active in any subversive activity.

Harris stated that he had received the "Daily Worker" at his residence in the 1940's, but denied ever subscribing to the "Daily Worker" or donating any moneys to the "Daily Worker". Harris added that the "Daily Worker" was left at his residence on Sunday mornings by various individuals whom he did not know, and he said he had never met them. Harris also stated he did not know anyone who had ever been active in any subversive activity.

On April 23, 1956, Harris was reinterviewed, at which time he stated that it was possible that he may have signed papers which resulted in his becoming a CP member, but he denied ever attending any CP meetings or acting in any capacity which would be termed as anti-American.

A "Security Investigation Data for Nonsensitive Position" form, dated December 4, 1957, executed by Lenora Harris, Nee May, reveals that on July 12, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, she married Earl Harris, born January 1, 1918, Dawson, Georgia. Her residence was listed as 382 Badger Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, since June, 1948. From June, 1941 - June, 1948, she resided at 535 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey.

[REDACTED] records of [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] disclosed that Earl Harris, b7d  
born 1918, wife Lenora, resides at 382 Badger Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. His employer is given as the Board of Freeholders, Newark. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7  
[REDACTED]  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

May 19, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title                      **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Character                      **SECURITY MATTER - C**

Reference                      **Memorandum dated and captioned  
as above at Newark, New Jersey.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 20, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

THREAT CONCERNING VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY  
AND KING

At 1:45 p.m., today (5/20/65) Special Agent in Charge Roney of the New York Office telephoned Mr. F. J. Baumgardner at the Bureau to advise of the following information which Roney had just received from [REDACTED] Americana Hotel, New York City.

At 1:15 p.m., today (5/20/65) a switchboard operator at the Americana received an anonymous call in which the caller only stated "there is a bomb in the hotel." It is noted that Vice President Humphrey is due to arrive at the Americana at 8 p.m. tonight and is scheduled to appear at an affair in the main ballroom. Also appearing at this affair will be Martin Luther King, Jr., and Humphrey and King are reported to be planning to meet in the hotel prior to the affair.

## ACTION:

The New York Office has furnished the foregoing to the New York City Police Department and the Secret Service. At the Seat of Government, we have given this information to the Secret Service Headquarters and to the Vice President's Office. ~~This dissemination will be confirmed in writing.~~ For your information.

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DATE 12-15-80 BY SP4 DM/IL  
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XEROX

MAY 25 1965

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
National Archives.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 20 1965

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FBI NEW YORK

342PM URGENT 5-20-65 JAM

TO DIRECTOR /8/ 100-106670 ENCODED  
FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 2P

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DATE 12-15-88 BY SP4 JRM  
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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,

SM-C

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RE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY, SIXTYFIVE.

b7(c) [REDACTED] AMERICANA HOTEL, NEW YORK  
CITY, ADVISED THE NEW YORK OFFICE AT ONE TWENTY PM, MAY TWENTY,  
SIXTYFIVE, THAT HOTEL SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR RECEIVED ANONYMOUS  
TELEPHONE CALL AT ONE FIFTEEN PM, MAY TWENTY, SIXTYFIVE, FROM  
CALLER WHO ADVISED THAT A BOMB WAS PLANTED IN THE HOTEL.  
CALLER DID NOT MENTION AGAINST WHOM THE BOMB WAS DIRECTED.

b7(c) [REDACTED] SAID SECRET SERVICE AND NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HAVE BEEN ADVISED, SINCE VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY WILL ADDRESS  
THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AT THE HOTEL AT EIGHT PM TONIGHT.

HE SAID SECRET SERVICE ADVISED THAT HUMPHREY, WHO WILL BE  
STAYING AT THE HOTEL CARLYLE IN NYC, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET

KING AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL SHORTLY PRIOR TO EIGHT PM  
TONIGHT, AND THAT KING AND HUMPHREY WILL THEN ENTER BANQUET  
MEETING ROOM TOGETHER AS BOTH WILL BE FEATURED SPEAKERS ON

TEND PAGE ONE

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

21 MAY 25 1965

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PAGE TWO

THE PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO SECRET SERVICE, VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IS SCHEDULED TO BE AT AMERICANA HOTEL FROM APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM TO ELEVEN PM TONIGHT.

b7c [REDACTED] SAID KING AND HIS PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL THIS AFTERNOON, OCCUPYING THE GOVERNOR-S SUITE, ROOMS TWO SIX ZERO ONE, ZERO TWO, AND ZERO THREE. KING WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT THE AMERICANA AND DEPART FORENOON OF MAY TWENTY FIRST NEXT.

END

JRL

FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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National Archives.

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Date: 5/20/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTELALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDDATE 12-15-90 BY SP4 JAm/kuTO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) **607b**

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating information received [REDACTED] that KING will attend the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) Convention next Friday, May 28, 1965, at Yonkers, NY. Two copies are furnished the Atlanta Office.

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1cc & cc LHM  
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3-Bureau (100-106670) (Encl. 8) (RM)  
2-Atlanta (100-5586) (Encl. 2) (RM)  
1-NY (100-136585)

JMK:rmv

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;  
DET. IND. CRD. R&D

DATE FORW: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW FORW: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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16 MAY 21 1965

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bu 100-106670

New York, New York  
May 20, 1965

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

[REDACTED]  
furnished information that Martin Luther King, Jr.  
(President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
(SCLC) ) is scheduled to appear in Yonkers on May 28, 1965.  
King's presence, according to [REDACTED], will be to  
participate in activities in conjunction with the Negro  
American Labor Council (NALC) Convention, which will be  
held in Yonkers, New York, on May 28-30, 1965. The  
Convention will be held in the Westchester Town Hall,  
Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, New York. b7(D)

According to [REDACTED] King's main purpose in  
attending the convention will be to address a gathering of  
the delegates to the convention who will gather in the  
Messiah Baptist Church, Yonkers, on the night of May 28, 1965.

In addition, on the afternoon of May 28, 1965,  
King is scheduled to ride in a parade in Yonkers, which is  
being held by the NALC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9838) (C)

RE: UNSUB; ALLEGED ASSASSINATION  
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO - ATLANTA

Re San Antonio teletypes dated 5/14/65 and 5/15/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
of LHM suitable for dissemination, concerning captioned  
matter. Two copies of LHM being sent to Atlanta.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] admittedly instigated  
assassination discussion at the [REDACTED] in an attempt  
to uncover a possible assassination plot against KING,  
and no such plot was found to exist, no further action being  
taken by San Antonio, UACB.

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ALLEGED THREAT TO LIFE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] telephonically  
contacted the FBI Office, San Antonio, Texas, regarding  
alleged assassination plan of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
related to him by an unknown individual at the [REDACTED]  
Temple, Texas, earlier that evening.

Attempts to interview [REDACTED] and details concerning  
the allegation made by him that same evening were conducted  
with negative results due to his intoxicated condition.  
It was decided to hold further interview in abeyance until  
the following morning.

[REDACTED] confidentially advised  
that evening that her husband frequently becomes intoxicated  
at which time he misunderstands or misinterprets what  
people are saying to him. She was of opinion that due to his  
past behavior little credence should be given to his story.

[REDACTED] was recontacted at which  
time he advised that at approximately 4:00 PM he went to the  
[REDACTED] Temple, Texas, and started drinking. After  
approximately fifteen or twenty minutes an unknown male,  
approximately 55 to 60 years old, 6' tall, short gray-black  
hair, 190 to 200 pounds, wearing an old flannel shirt and  
khaki pants, came into the bar and sat next to him. After  
a few minutes MOORE started talking to this individual about  
Texas and other topics. After a few minutes this man inquired  
if [REDACTED] was in the Army at Fort Hood as a member of CID  
(Criminal Investigation Detachment). [REDACTED] told him that he

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was not and "never would be." The other man then began to talk about a "Mr. KING." He said Mr. KING was telling Mr. JOHNSON what to do and that KING would be running the United States next. [REDACTED] then said "no, he'll be stopped before then." The man then asked [REDACTED] if he was acquainted with military artillery and other military weapons and what [REDACTED] qualifications were on them. [REDACTED] told him he could "split a match right down in half." The man then again asked if [REDACTED] was in CID. [REDACTED] replied "No, but I am in CIA." [REDACTED] explained that he was not really in the CIA, but he just said this to string this man along. The man then said "You are from Panama." [REDACTED] replied, "No, I am from Arkansas, but I have been in Panama." [REDACTED] again explained that he was never really in Panama, but he was again stringing this man along. [REDACTED] said he then got disgusted with this man and tried to terminate the conversation. After approximately ten or fifteen minutes the man again spoke to [REDACTED] making some unrecalled remark about KING and KING's assassination. [REDACTED] asked this man if he knew the movements of this "so called Mr. KING." The man replied that he knew every move KING made and the time and place. [REDACTED] replied, "Well if you know all this, and I am the assassinator, what is my possibility of getting out of it after it's did, and how much money is involved." [REDACTED] again explained that he was stringing this man along, but this time in an attempt to develop some information regarding a possible assassination of KING. The man replied that there was no money involved at the present time. [REDACTED] told him, "Well I have to look after the security and welfare of my family. If I did it, I would have to have \$50,000 and a way out." The man said there was a way out, but no money.

[REDACTED] advised that at this point the man went to the men's room, and he, [REDACTED], started to leave the club. As he was leaving he asked the man how he could get in touch with him and this man replied "I'm here all the time." [REDACTED] said he then immediately went to his home in [REDACTED] and called the FBI in San Antonio requesting that an Agent contact him.

ALLEGED THREAT TO LIFE OF  
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During the course of the above interview [REDACTED] repeatedly changed his story and exhibited great difficulty in recalling what had taken place the evening before. He admitted to having at least five or six beers and to being prone to easy intoxication. [REDACTED] further admitted that during the course of his discussion with the above individual, he steered the conversation toward the possible assassination of KING in an attempt to determine if any such assassination plan existed. He was unsuccessful in doing so. b7(c)

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the San Antonio Office of the FBI.

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FBI NEW YORK

1150AM URGENT 5-21-65 JAM  
TO DIRECTOR /1/ AND ATLANTA

ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING., JR., SM-C

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ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION CLARENCE JONES CONTACTED [REDACTED]  
ANDREW YOUNG AT AMERICANA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, ON THIS DATE  
YOUNG INDICATED HE AND KING WOULD BE LEAVING NEW YORK CITY  
ON TWELVE O-CLOCK PLANE THIS DATE. INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY  
DEVELOPED KING WOULD RETURN TO ATLANTA MAY TWENTYONE,  
SIXTYFIVE, VIA EASTERN FLIGHT ONE ZERO SEVEN, LEAVING LA  
GUARDIA AIRPORT TWELVE THIRTY PM AND ARRIVE ATLANTA ONE  
THIRTY FIVE PM. EXT 105

AS RESULT OF PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES ON STANLEY LEVISON  
BY AGENTS OF NYO, IT WAS DETERMINED LEVISON DID NOT ATTEND  
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE FUNCTION AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL  
AT WHICH KING WAS SPEAKING. LEVISON NOT OBSERVED TO MEET  
WITH KING.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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b(2) b(7)(D) There are enclosed for the Bureau nine copies of a  
letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished by  
[REDACTED] on 5/19/65, concerning a conversation between CLARENCE  
JONES and DORA MC DONALD.

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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED], a source furnishing highly sensitive information concerning racial matters in the United States and Communist influence therein.

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 19, 1965, that on that date, Clarence Jones was in contact with Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King. Jones' comments included the following:

King wanted him to speak with McDonald concerning some material but understood that King already had received the material for Thursday evening (speech before American Jewish Committee banquet, Hotel Americana, New York City, May 20, 1965). He had been making notes and had gotten together with "my friend", but apparently Bayard Rustin had asked someone to do the work he was unable to do. What Rustin wanted to talk about is different from what he, Jones, and "our friend" were going to talk about.

He, Jones, had had the material described to him and when he realized it was different (from his own) he stopped working on it. The material sent by Rustin was not written by Rustin but Rustin advised what should be included and asked that the material be written from it.

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He, Jones, wondered if it was right for the type of gathering because of the great emphasis being placed on non-violence and the theory of non-violence. He, Jones, felt King should include the following in his speech:

Good people should not stand idly by and that the consequences of inaction and silence can be, in some circumstances, as devastating as the worst kind of brutal act.

The source has previously furnished information indicating that when Jones refers to "our friend", he means Stanley Levison.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.

[REDACTED]

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates X(u)

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### Communist Influence In Racial Matters

and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: / /

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 9873. Congressman Waggoner, (D) Louisiana, placed in the Record an article entitled "'Let King Go Too Far,' Johnson Tells Senators," which appeared in the New Orleans Times-Picayune of April 19, 1965, containing

a statement made by President Johnson to a group of Senators that he had let Martin Luther King go too far. The remark came as the President was discussing Vietnam "telling how he did not like to be pressured, and would not submit to it."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for [redacted] was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5-13-65

Attached reports a new pamphlet, "No Time For Communism," published by Gold Coast Publishers, West Palm Beach, Florida, apparently for one Lester Gilbert Morrison. Bufiles contain no prior information concerning the pamphlet, its publishers or Morrison. The pamphlet is an expose of King, appears to contain no new information as it is made up primarily of news clippings, excerpts from the Congressional Record and other similar public source information. We will carefully review the pamphlet to determine if it contains any new information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

(OO: Atlanta)

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[REDACTED], telephonically advised the Miami Office he had just learned that the Florida Printing Co., Lake Worth, Fla., is printing an expose of MARTIN LUTHER KING alleging he is a communist, and that the printing was being done in secrecy.

[REDACTED] Florida Printing Co., 128 S. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, was contacted 4/30/65 by SAs [REDACTED] stated that one L. G. MORRISON, 4389 Justamere St., W. Palm Beach, Fla., ordered the printing of 1000 copies of a booklet entitled "No Time for Communism" on 4/23/65, which was to be delivered 5/7/65. He exhibited the proof of this booklet which bears this caption plus the photo of subject on the cover.

[REDACTED] furnished copies of this booklet. One copy is enclosed for the Bureau, one for Atlanta, for info and review; one copy being retained in the Miami file.

P.O. Box 8055, W. Palm Beach, (Northboro Sta.) is rented for the Gold Coast Publishers by L. G. MORRISON, 4389 Justamere St., W. Palm Beach.

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Records [REDACTED] reflect.  
LESTER GILBERT MORRISON, wife BETTY LEE, came to this area in 1960, previously resided at 1642 S. 8th St., Jacksonville, Fla., where he owned and operated an auto trim shop under his name. His age in 1960 listed as 51, then operated Morrison's Auto Trim Shop, N. Dixie Highway, W. Palm Beach, Fla., and currently is owner and operator of Morrison Motor Sales and Trim Shop, 1937 N. Military Trail, W. Palm Beach.

Miami indices negative on MORRISON.

Jacksonville, check indices and discreetly develop background on MORRISON through established sources, furnishing results to Miami.

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(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (S  
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHARLOTTE 141925

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ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WILSON  
 NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 16 THROUGH 23, NEXT. RM.

RE CHARLOTTE AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY 4, LAST, WITH LHM  
 ENCLOSED AND ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY 7, LAST.

INFORMANTS AND SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH ACTIVITIES OF UKA,  
 INC., KKKK, HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR  
 ANY INFORMATION INDICATIVE OF KLAN ACTION TO ASSASSINATE  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT WILSON, N.C., MAY 16 THROUGH 23,  
 NEXT, DURING ALLEGED VISIT TO AREA BY KING. CHECK OF HOLIDAY  
 INNS AT ROCKY MOUNT, N.C., AND U.S. ROUTE 301, WILSON, N.C.,  
 NEGATIVE FOR INFORMATION REFLECTING KING OR ANY GROUP  
 ASSOCIATED WITH KING AS HAVING RESERVATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS  
 DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. [REDACTED] WHO  
 OBTAINED ORIGINAL INFORMATION FROM SOURCE HE BELIEVED RELIABLE,  
 RECONTACTED SOURCE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.  
 CHARLOTTE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH LOGICAL INFORMANTS  
 AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENT. LHM  
 FOLLOWS.

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[REDACTED]  
Bowling Green, Ohio

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of May 14th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

I am enclosing some information I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

U.S. News & World Report 12-7-64  
"Time For Decision" 11-24-64  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat 11-25-64  
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[REDACTED]  
Bowling Green, Ohio  
May 14, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recent discussions on the campus of Bowling Green State University have led me to inquire of your department about the record of Martin Luther King. Would you advise me of any public document(s) released by your department which pertain to Mr. King's involvement in or identification with the Communist Party and/or a Communist front organization. It would be helpful if you would either cite sources from which such documents might be obtained or send me copies of same.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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ReNYteletype of 5/14/65, captioned "CIRI", in which KING's appearance at Queens College on 5/13/65, was reported.

Enclosed are eight copies of a LHM, captioned and dated as above; two copies are furnished the Atlanta Office. The LHM is an account of his speech as reported in "The New York Times".

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Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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On May 14, 1965, "The New York Times," Page 23, column 1, reported Martin Luther King's presence at Queens College, New York City, on May 13, 1965. His presence, according to the paper, was the first in an annual series of John F. Kennedy memorial lectures to be presented at the college. His address was before a crowd in excess of 2,200 who filled Colden Auditorium.

The article notes that in his speech, King went from civil rights to broader questions of peace and drew applause when he said he would "never adjust to the madness of militarism" in the world.

"It is either non-violence or non-existence", King declared. He said he wanted to be "as maladjusted as Jesus of Nazarine, who said, in his day, 'He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword'".

"If democracy is to live, segregation must die," King said. "It isn't going to just work itself out", he declared, attacking the "notion that only time can solve this problem" and decrying "The appalling indifference of the good people who sit around waiting on time."

"Time is neutral", King said. "It can be used either constructively or destructively." Not to use it for good, he said, was to cede it to those who would use it for evil."

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)  
 FROM LOS ANGELES (100-57229) 240800

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: SM-C.

KING ARRIVED LOS ANGELES ACCOMPANIED BY BERNARD S. LEE  
 OF ATLANTA VIA TWA FLIGHT 65 Y AT 8:10 PM, APRIL 23, 1965.  
 THEY ARE REGISTERED IN ROOM 220, HYATT HOUSE, NEAR INTERNATIONAL  
 AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES.

WILL BE UNDER CONSTANT 24 HOUR COVERAGE BY LOS ANGELES  
 POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AND ALL PHASES OF  
 ACTIVITIES WILL BE COVERED BY LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

LOS ANGELES WILL KEEP BUREAU AND ATLANTA ADVISED OF  
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On 5/18/65 J.A. [redacted] teleph. [redacted]  
 spoke to ALAC [redacted] & instructed  
 that on future King visits to  
 LA serious consideration be given  
 to effecting coverage, security  
 permitting, & that [redacted]  
 protection should not  
 be [redacted]

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-731)

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT  
WILSON, N. C., 5/16-23/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 5/4/65 enclosing LHM;  
Atlanta airtel to Bureau 5/7/65; Charlotte teletype to  
Bureau 5/14/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8)  
copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Two copies of LHM  
being furnished Atlanta.

Copies of LHM being disseminated locally to  
military intelligence and Secret Service.

Recontact of [redacted] Wilson, N. C.  
was made by SA [redacted]

Contact with military intelligence on 5/14/65 was  
handled by SA [redacted] at Charlotte, N. C.

The sources referred to in LHM are [redacted] who  
furnished information to SA [redacted] and [redacted]  
who furnished information to SA [redacted]

Charlotte will maintain contact with logical  
informants and the Bureau will be kept advised of all  
pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
May 14, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: ALIENED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT  
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 16 - 23, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum captioned as above dated May 4, 1965, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sources familiar with activities of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were contacted and advised that no information had been received regarding a plot to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING at Wilson, North Carolina, or at any other place in the United States.

These sources advised that no information had been received concerning any plan of the United Klans of America to appropriate any amount of money to be paid to the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] advised that a check with Holiday Inn Motel, which is located on U. S. Highway 301, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and also a check [REDACTED] at Wilson, North Carolina, failed to indicate that any large group of Negroes or MARTIN LUTHER KING have made reservations at these establishments for the period May 16 - 23, 1965. b7

[REDACTED] advised on May 5, 1965, that he had

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RE: ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING

recontacted a source he considered to be reliable but had been unable to obtain any further information concerning the alleged plot to assassinate KING.

b7(c) [REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Charlotte, North Carolina, was advised of the above information on May 14, 1965.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, appears in the appendix to this memorandum.



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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and second source advised in July 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NORTH CAROLINA)  
(UNITED KLANS)

On August 17, 1964, a source advised that the North Carolina organization of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, became affiliated with the national organization of the same group in the Spring of 1961. The State Headquarters are at the residence of North Carolina Grand Dragon JAMES ROBERTSON JONES, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, who is subordinate to the national organization with headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The organization in North Carolina has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, advocacy of segregation of the races and white supremacy.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
May 14, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING AT  
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 16 - 23, 1965

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Memorandum dated May 14, 1965, at  
Charlotte, North Carolina,  
captioned as above.

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Yorba Linda, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 11th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

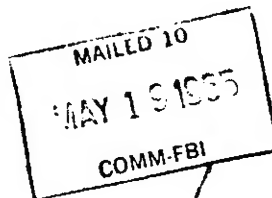
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Yorba Linda, Calif  
May 11, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director - F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. Bill Drake, local editor of our small town  
Yorba Linda Star said in his "William Tells" column of May 5,  
1965, "Martin Luther King had been cited innumerable times by  
the F. B. I. as being connected with communist- front organizations."

If the FBI has made such citations where may I obtain  
such information?

Very truly yours,



Mr. Tolson	_____
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[REDACTED]  
 Santa Fe, Calif.  
 May 11, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 Director, F.B.I.  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. Bill Stabe, local editor  
 of our small town Santa Fe,  
 has said in his William Tell  
 Column of May 9, 1965, "Martin  
 Luther King had been cited  
 'communist' some time ago. This  
 is being connected with  
 'communist' list organization."

At the time I have made  
 such citations, which may  
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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/17/65

Attached reports activities  
of King in New York City today.

Dissemination will be made  
to the Department and intelligence  
community.

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FBI NEW YORK

430PM URGENT 5-17-65 KRG

TO DIRECTOR /100-106670/ /8/AND ATLANTA/100-5586/  
FROM NEW YORK /100-136585

I

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C,  
OFFICE OF ORIGIN  
OO.. ATLANTA

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Communist

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Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION REGARDING KING-S ITINERARY NEW YORK FOR MAY SEVENTEEN,  
SIXTY FIVE .. APPEAR AT CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH /BAPTIST  
CONVENTION/, TWO FORTY FIVE PM, FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR. RETURN SUMMIT  
HOTEL UNTIL SEVENTHIRTY PM, THEN TO CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN DIVINE.  
WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS AND THEN PROCEED  
DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT TO RETURN ATLANTA. THIS INFORMATION OBTAINED  
FROM CONVERSATION BETWEEN CLARENCE JONES AND UNMALE /PROBABLY BERNARD  
LEE/. JONES DURING CONVERSION MENTIONED THAT CAPTAIN SEELEY/PHONETIC/  
"A NEGRO CAPTAIN" IS A FRIEND OF HIS. IT IS NOTED THAT CAPTAIN  
LLOYD SEELEY IS THE NEGRO POLICE CAPTAIN ASSIGNED TO TWENTY  
EIGHTH PRECINCT, HARLEM, NEW YORK, FOLLOWING RACIAL DISTURBANCES

Unknown Male

CAPTAIN

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR. INFORMATION FROM

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SNDRPP

FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. SULLIVAN



SAC, Boston (100-35794)

8/19/65

Director, FBI (100-106670)

**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
(Field Supervision)  
1 - Mr. Trainor

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Bureau 4/20/65 which reported on information obtained from Lovell Dystt of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the effect that his organization had received several telephone calls threatening bodily harm to King. Teletype stated that a letterhead memorandum (LHM) would follow.

Bulet (0-1) 4/27/65 requested advice as to when the LHM would be submitted. Your reply stated "See Boston letter and LHM 4/27/65."

Because the above-referenced communications were in the caption "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C" and the Bureau was unable to locate any letter from your office dated 4/27/65 in the King caption, it was necessary to request your office, by routing slip dated 8/11/65, copies of your letter and LHM 4/27/65.

A review of these 4/27/65 communications reveal (1) the LHM does not contain any information pertaining to the threats as reported in your teletype 4/20/65; and (2) your airtel (not letter) 4/27/65 is not in the King caption, thus explaining why the Bureau was unable to locate the correspondence.

You are now instructed to immediately furnish the Bureau, by return airtel, an LHM which will report the original information concerning the threats to King.

It is obvious from the foregoing that this matter was poorly handled from an administrative standpoint in your office. Much delay and needless correspondence has resulted. Form errors should be scored against the responsible personnel, Agent as well as supervisory, and they should be personally impressed with the necessity for exercising greater care in the handling of correspondence with the Bureau in the future.

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19 MAY 19 1965

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

3:41 PM EST 5-16-65 URGENT JAH  
 TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, MOBILE, NEWARK AND ATLANTA  
 NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
 FROM LOUISVILLE 161900

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY 16 INSTANT AND CHICAGO TELETYPE  
 MAY 15 LAST. b7(D)

ADVISED SUBJECT ARRIVED LOUISVILLE 11:03 AM MAY 16 INSTANT  
 FROM ATLANTA AND HE AND A REVEREND LEE HAS RESERVATION ON EAL  
 FLIGHT 186 LEAVING LOUISVILLE 6:45 PM MAY 16 INSTANT ARRIVING  
 NEWARK 9:15 PM SAME DATE.

FURTHER, THEY HAVE RESERVATIONS ON EAL FLIGHT 445  
 LEAVING KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK AT 11:45 PM MAY 16 INSTANT  
 ARRIVING ATLANTA 12:45 AM MAY 17 NEXT. THESE RESERVATIONS  
 WERE MADE AT 2:00 PM MAY 15 LAST BY REVEREND LEE.

SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED THROUGH  
 ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND NEWS MEDIA ARTICLES ONLY. PERTINENT  
 INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED BUREAU AND ATLANTA IN FORM  
 SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

AIRMAIL COPY TO CHICAGO.

RECEIVED: 4:52 PM DGW

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----- ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON ENCODED -----

FROM NEW YORK /100-136585/ /157-1456/ 3 PAGES

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C., SCOPE, RACIAL MATTERS.

I

REFERENCE ATLANTA TELETYPES, MAY TEN AND TWELVE LAST, CONCERNING  
KING-S ITINERARY IN NYC.

ON MAY TWELVE LAST, AT TWO THIRTY FOUR PM, SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVED  
KING, ANDY YOUNG, AND MAN BELIEVED TO BE HOSEA WILLIAMS, ARRIVING ABOARD  
EAL FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, JFK AIRPORT. THEY WERE MET BY HARRY WACHTEL,  
BAYARD RUSTIN AND JOHN LEWIS OF SNCC, AND NUMEROUS NEWSMEN.

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS, KING, WACHTEL AND RUSTIN LEFT  
AIRPORT IN RENTED CADILLAC LIMOUSINE. YOUNG AND MAN BELIEVED TO BE HOSEA  
WILLIAMS REMAINED AT AIRPORT FOR FEW MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTING.

b7(D) [REDACTED] ADVISED KING AND PARTY WENT  
DIRECTLY TO INWOOD, ROCKVILLE CENTER, LONG BEACH AND HEMPSTEAD, LONG  
ISLAND, WHERE THEY STOPPED TO EXCHANGE REMARKS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS.

b7(D) [REDACTED] ADVISED KING, RUSTIN, WACHTEL AND LEWIS APPEARED AT VOTING  
RIGHTS RALLY WHICH WAS HELD IN THE ISLAND GARDEN ARENA, WEST HEMPSTEAD,  
ON NIGHT OF MAY TWELVE LAST.

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THE "NEWSDAY", A LONG ISLAND MORNING DAILY, REPORTS ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, THAT KING WAS PRESENT AT CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY HELD IN HEMPSTEAD LAST NIGHT. THE ARTICLE, CAPTIONED, "RIGHTS LEADERS HIT US FOREIGN POLICY", REPORTS THAT KING ATTENDED AND SOPKE, CONFINING HIS REMARKS TO SLUM CONDITIONS AND POLL TAX LAWS,

RE:

<sup>451</sup>BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. <sup>FT</sup>KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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3. PARAGRAPHS - Pg. 2

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1243 AM URGENT 5/14/65 EGL

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM SAN ANTONIO 2-P

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UNSUB; ALLEGED ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE P. M. THIS DATE ONE [REDACTED]

TEXAS,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE ADVISING  
THAT WHILE HE WAS AT THE [REDACTED] TEMPLE, TEXAS THIS  
EVENING AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM ASKING IF HE  
WERE CAPABLE AND WILLING TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT HE BE CONTACTED BY AGENTS AT COPPERSCOPE  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE

AND RELATED AN INCOHERENT ACCOUNT OF HIS ACTIVITIES EARLIER IN  
THE EVENING WHILE AT THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OBVIOUSLY IN MAY 18 1965  
INTOXICATED STATE AND ADVISED THAT "UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ASKED HIM  
QUOTE IF HE WOULD LIKE TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING UNQUOTE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE STRUNG THIS INDIVIDUAL ALONG IN ORDER TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS <sup>"</sup>QUOTE PLAN <sup>"</sup>UNQUOTE BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN DOING SO.

[REDACTED] WIFE ALSO INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AND ADVISED [REDACTED] FREQUENTLY DRINKS TO EXCESS AND WHEN DRUNK MISUNDERSTANDS WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING TO HIM AND MAKES UP FICTITIOUS STORIES. SHE IS OF OPINION THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED STORY OF [REDACTED] IN REGARDS TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR IS FICTITIOUS AND SHOULD BE GIVEN NO CREEDENCE. b7c

SAN ANTONIO WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TOMORROW IN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO ASCERTAIN IF ACTUAL THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF KING WAS MADE.

LHM FOLLOWS.

ATLANTA HANDLE.

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7:57 PM CDST URGENT 5-15-65 AAA  
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, LOUISVILLE AND NEWARK  
FROM CHICAGO 152213

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

RE ATLANTA TEL DATED MAY 13 LAST.

TODAY ADVISED THAT KING DID NOT ARRIVE CHICAGO  
AT 11:40 AM ON MAY 15 INSTANT ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT  
NUMBER 240 FROM ATLANTA. NO INDICATION THAT KING IN  
CHICAGO. KING HAS RESERVATION ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT  
NUMBER 186 LEAVING LOUISVILLE 6:45 PM ON MAY 16 NEXT TO  
NEWARK.

LOUISVILLE AND NEWARK WILL FOLLOW KING'S ACTIVITIES  
THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES ONLY AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU  
AND ATLANTA OF PERTINENT INFORMATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR  
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Oakland, California 94610

Dear [REDACTED]

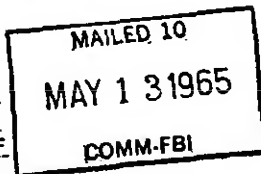
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6074

I received your letter of May 7th enclosing copies of communications directed to you by Senators Kuchel and Murphy.

For your information, by communication dated April 1, 1965, Senator Kuchel forwarded your letter to him dated March 26, 1965, with which was included a similar circular. On April 6, 1965, I replied to Senator Kuchel and advised him of the confidential nature of material appearing in our files. I am sending you a copy of this letter. As this exchange of correspondence has indicated, I regret I am unable to be of further help in this matter.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (6)

Copy of Senator Kuchel's letter, 4-6-65

Domestic Intelligence

U. S. News & World Report articles 12-7-64 & 12-21-64

Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-12-64

Remarks of Senator Dodd on Floor of Senate, 2-25-65

NOTE: There is no data in Bufiles to preclude this letter to [REDACTED]. We have enjoyed cordial relations with Senator Kuchel, and our outgoing of 4-6-65 apprised him of our position in this matter.

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The **EQUITABLE** Life Assurance Society of the United States

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6076

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the two enclosed copies of letters  
I have received from my United States Senators.

In reference to this matter, I would appreciate  
your informing me if the material covered in the  
photograph which is also enclosed is authentic.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be  
appreciated.

Respectfully,

b7(c)

Encl.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
 LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE

April 20, 1964

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[REDACTED]

Laurel, Miss.

Dear [REDACTED]

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12-15-80 BY SP4 JOM/LL  
 6070

Senator Murphy has asked me to acknowledge your inquiry of March 20, 1964, regarding the photograph of Martin Luther King which appeared in The Augusta Courier July 1, 1963. We feel that your inquiry should more appropriately be directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation since we have no information regarding Martin Luther King's background. The Federal Bureau of Investigation would be in the best position to provide a factual answer to your request.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Quinn  
 Executive Assistant  
 to Senator Murphy



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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

April 15, 1968

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK  
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[REDACTED]  
 Lafayette, California

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 DATE 12-15-84 BY SP4/mld

Dear [REDACTED]

6026

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are confidential and therefore not open to the public.

I have no idea of the origin of the material which you sent but because I agree with you that extremists, whether they be of the right or of the left, are of danger to this country, I have sent the material to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS H. RUCHELL  
 United States Senator

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

**JOIN THE AUGUSTA COURIER IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

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May 19, 1965

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Racine, Wisconsin 53405

Dear [REDACTED]

0-1 TONY 5/27/65  
REURTEL 5/17/65  
CONCERNING KING'S  
ACTIVITIES IN NYC  
5-17-65.  
DATE LHM WILL BE SUBMIT  
STATUS OF INVEST.  
SFP/CS

Your letter of May 14th has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated. I am indeed encouraged to know of your support and want to thank you very much for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors continue to meet with your approval.

Regarding the individuals you mentioned and your request for a list of reputable speakers, I would like to point out this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire. Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly his own, and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your school or local library.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Communism--The Incredible Swindle

Deadly Duel

Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-2-64

NOTE: There is no record of [REDACTED] in Bufiles. [REDACTED] whom correspondent indicates as a reference, is apparently identical with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Wisconsin, and who is on the Special Correspondents' List. Martin Luther King and Walter Reuther are, of course, well known to the Bureau.



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May 14, 1965

Racine, Wisconsin 53405

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to commend you for your work in the fight against the evils of the communist conspiracy. It is most evident to me that if it were not for people like you, we might now be a satellite of Moscow. I have hopes that you will not retire for many years, because this country truly needs a man like you.

Presently, I am a high school senior in Racine, Wisconsin, and during the past year and a half I have become most interested in the Conservative fight against communism. I have done extensive reading concerning this topic of the communist conspiracy. Many of my friends are unaware of the conspiracy and I have been trying to show them what is happening. Slowly, I have progressed with some of them, but others have come to see the truth. Recently, our city had the opportunity to hear Karl Prussion, as you know a former F.B.I. counterspy, speak about the conspiracy.

I had heard other speakers on this subject, but I feel that he delivered his message in a most meaningful and factual manner. Some of my friends asked me: "Is he credible? Why should we believe him? Could he still now be working for the communists?" I would be most appreciative if you would send me a letter, so that doubters might believe Mr. Prussion's message. I felt that no other, but you, could achieve this purpose.

Since we are planning to procure other speakers for this city in the future, I would also appreciate it if you would send me some kind of list of reputable speakers which you would recommend.

Also, I am greatly disturbed with Martin Luther King and his communistic leanings. I have read how you feel about him, but I would like something for my own personal reference and also for my friends.

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I have tried to convince these people many times and in many ways concerning the conspiracy. They agree with me that you are one of the really reliable sources to which we can turn. Besides a list of reputable speakers and something about Mr. King, I would also like something about Walter Reuther and his actions. I would like this information for there is a great influence from labor in our city and, if I can only help to wake up these people; I know that many of them will see the light.

b7(c) [redacted] gave me permission to use his name as reference. He is doing an excellent job in this area to wake up the people to the communist conspiracy. I would also be most appreciative, if you would feel free to send me any additional literature which is at your disposal.

God Bless you and your work,  
Sincerely,

b7(c) [redacted]  
Racine, Wisconsin 53405



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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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MAY 15 1965

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

TELETYPE

FROM SAN ANTONIO

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UNSUB; ALLEGED ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA DATED MAY FOURTEEN  
LAST.

*b7(c) J.A.*  
[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE RE ALLEGED  
PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND ADVISED  
UNSUB EXPRESSED DISTASTE FOR KING/S EXPANDING INFLUENCE  
ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY MATTERS. [REDACTED] IN AN ATTEMPT TO  
UNCOVER POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION PLAN AGAINST KING, QUESTIONED  
UNSUB RE AN ASSASSINATION PAYMENT AND CHANCE OF ESCAPE.  
UNSUB DECLINED TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPT AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT ANY PLAN HAD OR WOULD  
BE MADE. BOTH UNSUB AND [REDACTED] WERE DRINKING BEER FOR SEVERAL  
HOURS AT TIME <sup>CF</sup> DISCUSSION. [REDACTED] ADMITTED  
TO BEING HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO INTOXICANTS EVEN IN MODERATE  
AMOUNTS. INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] ADMITTEDLY INSTIGATED ASSASSINATION  
DISCUSSION IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNCOVER POSSIBLE PLOT AGAINST KING,  
AND NO SUCH PLOT UNCOVERED, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING  
CONDUCTED BY SA UACB. LHM FOLLOWS.

END AND ACK PLS

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*b7(c) J.A.*

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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[REDACTED]  
Kinston, North Carolina 28501

b7(c)

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of May 11th has been received, and I want to thank you very much for your kind sentiments and generous comments. It is hoped that my future endeavors continue to meet with your approval.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of my authority to furnish you advice concerning your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Charlotte - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

Enclosures (5)  
Heritage of Greatness  
FBI's Role in the field of civil rights  
U. S. News & World Report 12-21-64  
Domestic Intelligence  
Remarks by Senator Dodd, 2-25-65

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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Kinston, North Carolina, 28501  
May 11, 1965

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is there any way in which citizens of these United States of America can legally urge an investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., his associates and fellow travelers as to their association with known communist, communist party and with communist front organizations?

Can our senators or representatives urge the Senate or the House to have King thoroughly investigated, with the findings being made public? If there is any way in which this can be done, would you, please, advise by return mail?

Sir, may I take this opportunity to say that, in my opinion, you are one of the few truly great Americans now left on the public scene. May God richly bless and keep you is my prayer.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] b7(c)

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PERS. DIV.

COMMUNICATIONS

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Rochester, Minnesota 55902

b7(c)  
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 28th, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you have suggested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Dr. [REDACTED] cannot be identified in Bufiles. "The Councilor" is well known to the Bureau as is Courtney Smith. The leaflet is an open letter on "The Councilor" letterhead and is addressed "Dear Friend" and signed by Courtney Smith. It is an appeal to contribute to a fund to post on billboards across the nation the photograph of Martin Luther King sitting in the classroom at Highlander Folk School.

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April 28, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a mailing I received just yesterday.  
It does appear to me that the facts depicted may  
have been distorted.

I write to inquire whether there is definite  
knowledge that the billboard as depicted is actually  
true or whether this is a smear campaign conducted  
by "The Councilor." Perhaps this is out of your  
category to investigate and advise citizens in  
matters such as these; but if it is feasible, I  
would appreciate an answer.

Sincerely,

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This billboard at Montgomery, Ala. is the first of 807 scheduled for erection from California to New York. In foreground are Council officials.

Persons who want to sponsor a billboard in their city are invited to write to The Councilor, 228 Oil & Gas Bldg., Shreveport, or Orleans Citizens Council, 509 Delta Bldg., New Orleans. Pos-

ter sheets cost \$3.75 per set. The Council has billboards ready for use in many Southern cities, but sponsors must make full arrangements in other areas.

"Just how far we can go with this billboard project depends on how much the public wants to help," commented Courtney Smith. "Dr. Emmett Irwin has suggested that \$4,000 to \$5,000 would help

expand it properly. Anyone who wants to be a part can make out a check to the Council Billboard Fund and sent it in."

Depicted in the billboard, lower left, is Communist Party official Abner Berry. Seated next to King are Augrey Williams (identified as a Communist) and Myles Horton, a director of the communist training school.

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# The Councilor

\* \* \* \* Published by the Citizens' Council of Louisiana for Americans Everywhere \*

228 OIL AND GAS BUILDING

\* SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101

Dear Friend:

On the reverse side of this letter you will see an actual photo taken in Montgomery, Ala. of the first billboard erected showing Martin Luther King at a Communist training school. We have been assured the cooperation of other patriotic groups across the nation in erecting the first 200 of these billboards as a means of "public education".

Through our TV investigation project (now in progress) we have learned that leftwing propagandists have invested MILLIONS to build the "image" of King. We can stick a pin in their hot-air balloon by erecting enough of these signs. Present goal is 807, but we might erect 1,000 to 1,500 if we get the help.

(One man has made available about 600 billboards just for repairing them, cleaning them up and paying land fees, where necessary. This is a tiny fraction of the cost of renting 600 billboards for 6 months.)

I am writing you to invite you to participate if you wish, either by erecting a billboard in your city or by helping with a cash donation. This project will cost a great deal of money to complete but it will be worth every penny that can be raised to expose to the nation the communist influence around King.

Remember, I'm not ASKING you for money. I'm merely giving you a chance to help out IF YOU WISH.

Sincerely,

*Courtney Smith*  
Courtney Smith

Make checks payable to Billboard Fund, and mail to 228 Oil & Gas Bldg., Shreveport, La.

Incidentally, James Farmer who is leading the CORE invasion has advocated ON THE RECORD that land in the South be divided up among "Agricultural Collectives" as it is done in communist nations. This is a straw in the wind, indicating that some of these revolution leaders want to confiscate private property, and they will do it unless the nation is awakened. Leftwing newspapers may refuse to tell the whole truth, but we can tell the story on billboards and by word-of-mouth if necessary.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO: The Director

DATE: MAY 5, 1965

FROM: N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 9085. Congressman Waggoner, (D) Louisiana, spoke concerning the news blackout on the association of men and organizations with Communist leanings with the leaders of the civil rights movement pointing out that it is well known to those in authority but these connections are very seldom made known to the people. He stated "In an effort to circumvent the news blackout on this vital subject, I plan, from time to time, to make these associations known by publishing them in the Congressional Record, where censorship cannot erase the facts from public view. The first of these insertions concerns the Communist Party and Martin Luther King and appeared in the current issue of the National Review Bulletin, volume 17, No. 19."

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the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for May 4, 1965 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in the appropriate case or subject matter files.

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Date: **5/14/65**

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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

**TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)**  
**FROM SAC, NEWARK (100-47520)**  
**SUBJECT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
**SM-C**

*Robert J. [unclear]*  
 b7(c) [redacted]

The "Jersey Journal", a daily newspaper in Jersey City, N.J., dated 5/13/65, page 10, contained an article to the effect Dr. KING would speak at the Michaelmas convocation at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, 9/22/65. This convocation formally opens the academic year and scholastic achievements are presented.

The article noted Dr. KING confirmed the speaking date in a letter to Rev. THOMAS WASSMER, S.J., chairman of the special lectures program at the college.

For information.

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*CC - WICK*

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*[Signature]*  
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Approved: *RWB*  
 70 MAY 20 1965 Special Agent in Charge

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May 13, 1965

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EX-105

Orange, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

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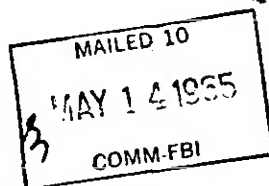
Your letter of May 5th has been received, and I would like to point out to you that I made no statement on television such as that attributed to me in your correspondence.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

You might wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library. I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

An Army of Free Men


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